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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Write off செய்யவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? அதில் எத்தனை பேர் காங்கிரஸ்காரர்கள் ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government do not go into the political complexion of the applicants."

Liquor permit-holders in Madras City.

* 296 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many liquor permit holders there are in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Minister recently appealed to the liquor permit holders to surrender their permits, and with what result?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" (*a*) On 31st October 1953, there were 231 Indian and 602 non-Indian liquor permit-holders in the City of Madras.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. When presiding over the Taluk Harijans' Conference at Pollachi on 1st November 1953, the Minister appealed to the liquor permit-holders to surrender their permits for their own benefit and co-operate with the Government to make Prohibition a success. The appeal has not so far produced any result."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, without meaning any disrespect to the Hon. Minister for Prohibition, may I know whether the immediate ex-Sheriff of Madras has a permit for liquor and if so, has the appeal of the Hon. Minister no effect upon him?"

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has collected very wrong information." (Laughter.)

Assignment of lands to Harijans in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 297 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state— 12 noon.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, during this year, 400 Harijans were deprived of lands originally assigned to them at Tiruchirappalli;

(*b*) what was the extent of lands assigned to them;

(*c*) when the lands were assigned;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that more than hundred Harijans marched to the Collectorate at Tiruchirappalli with placards and slogans on 25th August 1953 protesting against the eviction orders passed on them;